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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6527

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ZAIRE FONMIN COMMENTS ON ANGOLA

1. CHARGE MET BRIEFLY WITH A TIRED BUT INCURABLY OPTIMISTIC
BULA DURING AIRPORT REFUELING STOP AT BANGUI JANUARY 8 AND
DELIVERED MESSAGE CONTAINED STATE 002596 (NOTAL). BULA DEPARTED

BANGUI FOR ADDIS AT 1045 VIA KISINGANI, KAMPALA ETA 1330 FOR
ADDIS ETA 1730.

2. BULA SEEMED GENUINELY PLEASED AT CONTENTS OF MESSAGE
AND ASKED THAT SECRETARY BE ASSURED HE WOULD CONVEY OUR
INTENTIONS DIRECTLY TO AMIN AT ADDIS SUMMIT (PARA 1C STATE
002596). BULA REQUESTED THAT SECRETARY BE INFORMED THAT
PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND HE APPRECIATE SECRETARY'S SUPPORT AND
THAT "ALTHOUGH WE STARTED LATE THAT IS BETTER THAN NEVER."

3. ALTHOUGH HIS TIME AT AIRPORT WAS TIGHT BULA DID SAY
THAT AMIN HAD TOLD MOBUTU IN THEIR TALKS AT GBADOLITE JANUARY 6-7
THAT HE HAD RUN UP AGAINST A STONE WALL IN HIS MEETING
THIS WEEK WITH NIGERIAN PRESIDENT MURTALA MOHAMMED. BULA
SAID AMIN'S IMPRESSION AFTER MEETING WAS THAT NIGERIAN

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LEADERSHIP DETERMINED AT ALL COSTS TO "KILL FNLA/UNITA."

4. BULA SAID THAT NONETHELESS PRESIDENTS MOBUTU, AMIN AND HE REMAINED OPTIMISTIC ON EVE OF OAU SUMMIT. HE SAID THAT CHADIAN MPLA RECOGNITION (NDJAMENA 0063) STILL LEFT 26 OAU MEMBER STATES WHICH HAD NOT RECOGNIZED MPLA AND ADDED THAT "WE KNOW HOW TO SQUEEZE CHAD".

5. FOR ADDIS ABABA AND KINSHASA: FONMIN BULA ASKS THAT YOU BE INFORMED THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU PLANS TO ARRIVE AT ADDIS JANUARY 9 AT 1100 HOURS LOCAL.

6. BULA ASKED THAT HIS DESIRE BE COMMUNICATED TO SECRETARY TO MEET WITH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER OAU SUMMIT TO "CONCERT STRATEGY ON AFRICA." BULA FEELS IT WOULD NOT BE WISE HOWEVER FOR HIM TO COME TO UNITED STATES AT THIS TIME. HE SUGGESTS EUROPE OR CARRIBEAN AS VENUE. SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO THIS PROPOSAL SHOJLD BE SENT TO EMBASSY KINSHASA, ADDIS ABABA AND BANGUI.
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